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In re application of : Yoshimasa HONDA et al.

Application No. : 10/679,482

Group Art Unit : 2621

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Examiner : Not Yet Known

For : PICTURE CODING METHOD AND APPARATUS (As Amended)

Mail Stop Amendment

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an **Preliminary Amendment** in the above-captioned application.☐ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.☐ An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, and references cited.☒ No additional fee is required.

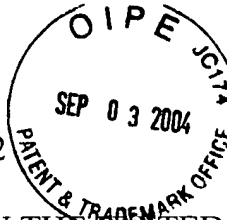
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Sir:

Prior to an examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the specification and claims, as follows:

Amendment to the title begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Preliminary Amendment.

AMENDMENT TO THE TITLE

Please replace the title currently in the present application with the following title:

---PICTURE CODING METHOD AND APPARATUS---.